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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1363

5 By: Representative Hobbs
6 By: Senator Holland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS EARLY
10 CHILDHOOD COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS
15 EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMISSION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-45-103(3), concerning the Arkansas Early
21 Childhood Commission, is amended to read as follows:

22 (3) "Arkansas Early Childhood Commission" or "commission" means
23 a ~~twenty-four~~ twenty-five member advisory body appointed by the Governor to
24 perform certain duties and responsibilities relating to the development,
25 expansion, and coordination of early childhood programs, including, but not
26 limited to, serving as the advisory body to the Department of Education on
27 early childhood program issues;
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-78-501(a)-(b), concerning the Arkansas
30 Early Childhood Commission, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a)(1) There is hereby established the Arkansas Early Childhood
32 Commission, to be composed of ~~twenty-four (24)~~ twenty-five (25) members.
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34 (2) The chair of the commission shall be selected annually by
35 majority vote of the commission.

36 (b) The following members of the commission shall be appointed by the
Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate:



1 (1) Three (3) members affiliated with child care provider
2 agencies, organizations, or programs, of which one (1) of the members shall
3 be affiliated with a family child care home;

4 (2) One (1) member affiliated with the Arkansas Head Start State
5 Collaboration Office;

6 (3) One (1) member affiliated with a Head Start program;

7 (4) One (1) member affiliated with an Early Head Start program;

8 (5) One (1) member affiliated with a Migrant/Seasonal Head Start
9 program;

10 (6) One (1) member affiliated with a Home Instruction Program
11 for Preschool Youngsters;

12 (7) One (1) member employed as an administrator by a public
13 school district;

14 (8) One (1) member employed by a public school district as a
15 teacher with early childhood responsibilities;

16 (9) One (1) member trained as an early childhood education
17 professional;

18 (10) One (1) member who is a parent of a child who attends a
19 child care program;

20 (11) Two (2) members representing the business community who
21 have an interest in early childhood education;

22 (12) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Chapter of the
23 American Academy of Pediatrics;

24 (13) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Chapter of the
25 American Academy of Family Physicians; ~~and~~

26 (14) One (1) member who is a clinical provider of childhood
27 behavioral and mental health services specializing in prevention and early
28 intervention; and

29 (15) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Association of
30 Colleges for Teacher Education, Council of Deans.

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